



## **ALBUQUERQUE BIOLOGICAL PARK TINGLEY BEACH FISHING GUIDE JOB DESCRIPTION 2006**

### **GENERAL PURPOSE**

Fishing Guides provide fishing instruction and information to visitors at Tingley Beach. They teach proper fishing techniques and etiquette, and they provide general information about Tingley Beach. Fishing Guides instill a sense of appreciation and respect for wildlife and the outdoors.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Anyone over 18 years old is eligible to become a Fishing Guide. Skills needed to be a successful Fishing Guide include enthusiasm, patience, dependability, an ability to speak informally to adults and children (both in groups and one-on-one) and to effectively communicate rules in a non-threatening manner, and a commitment to teaching about conservation. All required science information will be taught. As a safety precaution, applicants are required to submit to a security check before they can begin volunteering.

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

Volunteers create their own schedule. Tingley Beach is open from dawn to dusk every day of the year, and Fishing Guides are welcome to work at any time during those hours. In other BioPark volunteer programs, the most popular times are between 10am and 2pm. Many volunteers find that a regular weekly shift is a convenient way to schedule their time, and this is encouraged.

A minimum of 36 hours a year is required to receive recognition. (If Fishing Guides are active in other BioPark volunteer programs and fulfill those minimum requirements, only 24 additional hours as a Fishing Guide are needed in order to receive recognition in this category.)

### **TRAINING**

Fishing Guides go through a training process which consists of written material and practical demonstrations. The process includes completing a written application; learning basic to intermediate fishing skills, proper fish handling and catch and release techniques, fish ecology, and the New Mexico fishing rules and regulations; and taking a written or oral assessment to demonstrate an understanding of these facets.

### **UNIFORM**

Fishing Guides wear a uniform vest, which can be purchased or borrowed from BioPark Education. A nametag will be provided. It is the responsibility of each Fishing Guide to acquire black, brown, khaki, beige or white blouse/shirt and pants/skirt/shorts to wear with the vest. Blue jeans and printed or patterned shirts are not permitted. Comfortable shoes with a good tread are recommended.

### **DUTIES**

The duties of a Fishing Guide include greeting visitors to Tingley Beach, assisting novice fishermen, teaching about the fish in the ponds and their natural history, and giving tips on fishing etiquette. Fishing Guides are responsible for knowing current state fishing rules and regulations in

addition to proper catch and release techniques. Fishing Guides may also conduct fishing clinics and special fishing classes.

**TANGIBLE BENEFITS**

Upon completion of the training and a demonstrated commitment to the program, Fishing Guides receive a volunteer ID pass, which allows free access to the zoo, aquarium, and botanic garden. You will also receive a discount at the food service and gift shop concessions while on duty. Fishing Guides are invited to monthly education meetings on the first Saturday and the first Thursday of each month at 11 am in the Aquarium/Botanic Garden Education Building. Current BioPark happenings and upcoming Education events are discussed.

**COSTS**

You will need to purchase an official Tingley Fishing Guide vest. (The estimated cost is around \$25.00).

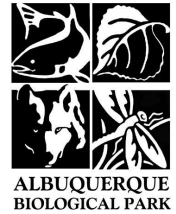
**ORGANIZATION**

Fishing Guides report to Dave Karrmann, Aquarium Education Coordinator (848-7172). Dave reports to Bill Aragon, BioPark Education Curator. Cathy Wylie, BioPark Program/Volunteer Specialist, and Helga Gonzales, Aquarium/Botanic Garden education clerk, are also available to provide assistance.

**CONTACT**

For more information, contact BioPark Education, 764-6245.  
Albuquerque BioPark Education  
903 10<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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VOLUNTEER JOB APPLICATION



Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you over 18 years old? ☐ Yes ☐ No If under 18, how old? \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency:

Name	Phone Number	Relationship
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How did you find out about becoming a Fishing Guide?

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How much time do you anticipate you can volunteer per week?

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Why do you want to be a Fishing Guide? (This is important to us so that we can meet your expectations.)

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**Please Sign Back**

**ALBUQUERQUE BIOLOGICAL PARK  
TINGLEY BEACH FISHING GUIDE  
CONTRACT/RELEASE**



I have read the Tingley Beach Fishing Guide job description, and understand the responsibilities of becoming a Fishing Guide. I am willing to enter into an agreement with the City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Biological Park, and commit to donating at least 36 hours of my time to the Albuquerque Biological Park. In return, I will be given on-the-job training and free access to the Albuquerque Aquarium/Rio Grande Botanic Garden/Rio Grande Zoo while I am an **active** Fishing Guide.

I agree that I shall be responsible for any injuries or damage incurred by me while performing volunteer services at the Albuquerque Biological Park. The City will, however, be responsible if I am injured and the injury is caused by the sole negligence of the City or its employees. I agree that I will consult with my physician and insure that any inoculations recommended are maintained in a current status.

I understand that the City will hold me responsible for any damage to property of the City or property belonging to third parties if the damage is caused by my negligent conduct. Likewise, I understand that the City will hold me responsible for all injuries sustained by persons when the injury is caused by negligent conduct. I understand and agree that I shall be expected to pay for damages or injuries caused by my negligence.

I understand that this volunteer contract may be terminated at any time by either myself or the Albuquerque Biological Park without cause. In such event, any programs and educational materials that I have developed will remain the property of the Albuquerque Biological Park.

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Printed Name

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Address

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City

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State

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Zip

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Signature

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Date

Mail application, contract/release and background check forms to:

Albuquerque BioPark Education

Cathy Wylie

903 10<sup>th</sup> Street SW

Albuquerque NM 87102

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